

BLEST BE THE TIE THAT BINDS

Sang at Picnic as a Substitute For Handshaking

CHORUS WAS LED BY GOVERNOR HARMON

Buckeye State's Big Governor a Man Among Men

What would you say, how would you feel, if you were listening to a chorus of 15,000 voices singing together one of the favorite old hymns that is known in every household? And how would it impress you if you were told that the man who stood before that vast chorus leading that vast singers was neither a singing school teacher nor a musical director of great renown, but the governor—just a plain, everyday sort of a citizen who doesn't put on airs, who doesn't feel above his fellow man, who isn't all swelled up even though he is governor of one of the greatest states in this Union?

You could have witnessed such a scene and felt its inspiring influence had you been present at the farmers' picnic held at Silver Lake, near Cuyahoga Falls, Saturday, Aug. 27, 1910. The man who stood before that vast throng, seemingly forgetful of the fact that he held a high position of trust and honor, and mingled his voice with the rest in singing one of the grand old songs was none other than Judson Harmon, governor of Ohio.

It all happened in this way, for it was not a part of the regular program. Governor Harmon had just finished delivering an address to the assembled farmers. He had spoken of their toil, of their progress and advancement. He had discussed subjects relating to their immediate welfare. And when his speech was finished, so intent were his hearers upon meeting him and greeting him as one having a fellow feeling that they made a rush for the platform and demanded that he shake hands with everyone present.

Looking about over the sea of faces the governor put up both hands and said: "My friends, I would like to do as you ask. But look around you, if you can. It will be impossible, I fear, under the circumstances."

Near the midst of the crowd a man mounted a chair and shouted: "The governor is right. To shake hands with the crowd is an impossibility. Instead, let us join in singing 'BLEST BE THE TIE THAT BINDS,' and Governor, you start it. That, I think, will serve just as well as shaking hands."

Governor Harmon was touched by the spirit of the suggestion. Such a thought as leading a public assemblage in song had never entered his mind. Never before had he been called upon to attempt such a thing. If you believe it to be an easy thing to do just stand up before the next big crowd you are in and try it.

With a feeling of hesitancy about displaying his limited musical training before such an assemblage the governor turned to a girl on the platform who had been taking stenographic notes of his speech and said:

"MT. LIBERTY"

Fred and Halley Tucker are recovering from typhoid fever, but Carl Jackson is not much better.

Almon Hollister of Omaha is here visiting relatives and scenes of his early life.

Clyde Bradfield and wife of Cleveland visited his uncle, W. V. Bradfield, last week.

Melvin Conkling of Cleveland spent last week with his parents here.

The hunting season opened last Saturday with much enthusiasm. W. V. Bradfield was out to the woods before it was light enough to shoot.

Charles Smith of Logan county is visiting his brother, Joseph, here.

Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Tucker of Green Valley visited Aunt Mary Bird, Saturday.

Roy Dick and family of Akron visited John and Alice Hoffmire Sunday.

Burt Berry is talking of making a trip to Cedar Point in the near future.

Mrs. Mary Campbell of Columbus spent last week with relatives here.

John Campbell of Millwood called on O. Thatcher and George Shaffer recently.

John Jackson lost one of his fine span of mules last week.

Sherman Conner lost his driver last week.

Fred Cole and family spent Sunday with W. O. Coe.

Albert White and family of Mt. Vernon visited Mrs. White's father, O. Bird, Saturday and Sunday.

Mrs. Malinda Bockoven of Gallion and her son, Walter and family, of Sparta, spent Sunday with Mrs. Caroline Shedy.

High Masteller has returned from a week's visit in Cleveland.

CHESTERVILLE

Mr. Myers of New York City is the

to her, "You start the singing and we'll join in." But the girl looked up, looked around and shook her head. It was more than her courage would undertake.

Then stepping to the front of the platform Governor Harmon said: "If I try to lead, be sure that all of you join in so that I'll not be standing here trying to sing a solo, for I can't do that."

Then he raised his voice strong and clear with the notes of the familiar old tune. And they all joined in, singing the entire hymn from the first to the very last verse.

Those who were present speak of it as one of the most impressive scenes they had ever witnessed. There in the open air and under the trees, a scene truly typical of the poet's description of "God's first temples," those farmers, their wives and their children lifted their voices together, filled with the spirit of the music and words they were singing, forgetful of all save that they and that big tall man on the platform leading them with all his lung-power were a big group of the human family, with the same human hopes and sympathies.

The appropriateness of the song may have been suggested by the closing words of the governor's speech. He had said that the great pleasure of meeting and mingling in such an occasion was dimmed only by the thought that they might not all meet again under such happy auspices. And yet, after separating, all would go on with their work better men and women for having come together once a year to mingle with each other and have a good time. To such a thought the last stanza of the hymn bears a fitting parallel:

When we asunder part
It gives us inward pain;
But we shall still be joined in heart,
And hope to meet again.

"We shall still be joined in heart, and hope to meet again"—what emphasis they put upon these words. And when the last note of the song died away the governor was cheered a full three minutes. Do you wonder at it?

A multitude had gathered together to see and hear one who had been prominent in the councils of the nation and is now serving with distinction at the head of the government of a great state. If there were those in that multitude who expected to see in Judson Harmon a self-important dignitary before whom they must bow down with awe and dread they were quickly disillusioned, for they went away feeling that they had come face to face with a great man who is without ostentation, who assumes no pompous mannerisms, but is a natural, friendly individual among his fellow men and, to use the expression of a well-known writer, is "just folks," without any frills about him.

guest of S. A. Shurt this week.

Mrs. Elizabeth Jones of Frederick is visiting Miss Jennie Jones.

Rev. Jones is spending a few days in Knoxville, Tennessee.

Hoy Rodgers has been appointed by the North Ohio conference to the pastorate at Bellville and Butler.

Charles Fisher and wife are visiting in Bowling Green at the home of Prof. N. D. O. Wilson.

Mrs. Charlie Jones who has been very sick for the past few weeks is improving.

The Ball school south of town is closed on account of scarlet fever.

Mr. and Mrs. Burr Slater and Mr. and Mrs. Pitt Struble attended the Marion fair last week where Mr. Struble's pacing horse Lottie S. took second money in the pacing race.

The Ladies' Aid Society of the M. E. church held a market on last Saturday afternoon clearing about nine dollars.

Several people from here attended the 60th anniversary at the Harmony church last Sunday afternoon.

The Standard Bearers gave a hat social at the town hall last Saturday evening clearing nine dollars.

Everybody from here will attend the Morrow county fair at Mt. Gilead this week.

Miss Bryant of Columbus is visiting her sister, Mrs. Mae Stumph.

Chief White Eagle and the Indian Princess together with his prairie dogs and rattle snakes after spending the week here left Saturday evening for Mt. Gilead.

Mrs. Bunn Critchfield spent several days last week the guest of her father, John M. Hall, of Dawson City.

Mrs. W. A. Uery returned home after visiting Fredericktown friends.

Mrs. J. H. Westrich has accepted

a position in Chicago.
Miss Leona Berry spent Sunday with Lulu Fish.
Mr. and Mrs. Ab. Henwood spent Sunday with George Englehart and wife.
Mr. and Mrs. Tether Loney have moved to Homer.
Miss Ida Hauger returned home after visiting friends in Newcomerstown, O.
Mrs. Uiman entertained her Sunday school class with a taffy pulling last Saturday evening.
Mr. John Simpson is attending the Akron fair this week.
Miss Nina Eley is visiting her brother and family.

CENTERBURG

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Smith are visiting relatives and friends at Coshocton.

Mr. and Mrs. Roland Critchfield of Howard spent last week at the home of their daughter, Mrs. C. M. Grubb.

Miss Bernice Loud and Mrs. C. I. Loos returned Sunday evening from a week's visit with Akron friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Brown Messmore of New London, Conn., are visiting the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Messmore.

Mrs. Charles Buell of Chicago is visiting Centerburg friends.

Homer Ramey went to Attica Sunday to speak in the Universalist church at that place.

Born, Tuesday, Sept. 26, to Mr. and Mrs. George Knouff, a son.

FREDERICKTOWN

The "City Fathers" met in the council chamber on Monday and transacted the regular routine of business mainly the passing on the pay roll.

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Gable went to Fulton county on Friday last to visit friends and relatives. They also attended the annual reunion of the Findler family on Wednesday of this week.

Mrs. A. D. Purdy of Delta, Colorado, visited relatives and friends in Fredericktown last week and went to Oseola, Ohio, on Friday to visit her parents.

Mr. P. B. Chase and family went to Washington, D. C., the past week.

Mrs. Earl Cramer of Orrville, Ohio, visited her parents and other relatives in this vicinity the past week.

Mr. L. L. Richwine and family of Chicago, Ill., and Mrs. Isaac Pearl of Springfield, Ohio, were entertained at the home of Mr. Stanley Pearl, the past week.

Mrs. Win Roberts of Sparta visited relatives in Fredericktown the past week.

Miss Freda Isenberg visited the H. S. on Sept. 23.

The first literary program for the year will be given Friday afternoon, October 28th.

Mrs. Harry Tavenner and Mrs. Jay Duke were visitors in the primary department one day last week.

Harold Ackerman was a high school visitor on Monday of this week.

Dr. Eastman and Dr. Ackerman were school visitors last Wednesday.

Ethel G. Houle of Salem, Ohio, was elected by the board of education to take the place of Miss Smiley who resigned to accept a position in the schools of her home town.

Rev. R. D. Cross of Louisville, Ky., will preach in the Baptist church next Sunday morning and evening.

Alex Love and wife were in Mt. Gilead, guests of Mrs. Emma Nice Warner.

Mrs. Harvey Devoe has been visiting in Palmyra.

Mrs. Elias Jones and Mrs. Dean took dinner with Mr. and Mrs. E. B. McMahon of Green Valley, one day last week.

Mr. Philip Plummer is spending his vacation in Columbus.

Dale Glosser and wife have returned home after spending the summer at Napoleon.

Mrs. Henry Darling of Hudson was here on Thursday to visit Mrs. Geo. Owen.

Mrs. J. S. Alan was the guest of Mrs. J. H. Norrick on Wednesday.

Mrs. O. P. Foote was in Mt. Vernon to attend the funeral of Mrs. Lizzie Penrose.

Mrs. Harter and daughter, Elizabeth, are visiting friends here this week.

Mrs. E. A. Poorman and Mrs. Amos Vernie and Master William Harry were guests at the Dyer homestead on Thursday.

Mrs. Addie Parks of Metropolis, Ill., is here to visit her parents, J. B. Chauncey and wife.

Mrs. Gertrude Lewis of Albion, Mich., has returned to her home after a visit with D. M. Brumbach and family and other Marple relatives.

Mrs. Cora Buell has returned to her home in Cleveland.

Mr. and Mrs. D. K. Chenoweth have moved to Columbus.

Mrs. D. M. Brumbach is visiting relatives in Charlotte, Hastings and Albion, Mich.

Mrs. Belle Modl has returned from a trip in New York and Pennsylvania, and is the guest of her sister, Mrs. Sarah Potter.

Mrs. Anna Purdy is in Mt. Gilead to

attend the fair and is the guest of Mrs. B. McCarron.

Mrs. Will Tufford and son, Omar, and Mrs. Mary Lyon and mother, Mrs. Lyon, have gone to their home in Leeds, North Dakota.

Mr. Forrest Briggie of Clarkburg, W. Va., was the guest of his mother, Mrs. Henry Briggie.

Mrs. J. H. Dickey was visiting Mrs. Ella Trimble on Friday in Mt. Vernon.

Mrs. P. J. Cummings was a recent Mt. Vernon visitor.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. McNare are in Orrville visiting their son, Burr Leid and wife.

Miss Lulu Dickey of Columbus is here to visit her mother, Mrs. Maggie Dickey.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Barnhart entertained for several days Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Cramer of Akron, Mr. and Mrs. Hines and daughter of south of town, and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Wilson of Butler.

Miss Esther James of Mt. Vernon is visiting her cousin, Grace James.

Died on Sunday evening last at 10 o'clock, Miss Elma Rucker, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Rucker, at her home one and one-half miles north of Fredericktown.

She was thirty years of age at the time of her death. The funeral was held at the residence on Tuesday and interment made at Forest cemetery.

Mr. Harley Beler moved into the Darling residence on Monday last.

Mrs. Fred Simons and Mrs. H. S. Darling visited with Mrs. O. P. Rowley at Westerville one day last week.

The funeral of Dr. Arthur Sweet was held at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ezekiah Sweet, two miles north of Palmyra, Rev. Thos. Hamby of this place conducting the services. Dr. Sweet died at his home in Mingo Junction on Friday last at the age of thirty years.

He leaves a wife and one child eighteen months old, his parents, two brothers and four sisters. The funeral was one of the largest ever held in this section. The burial took place at Bellville where 150 Knights of Pythias marched in a body.

On Friday afternoon of this week District Superintendent Rev. Johnson of Mt. Vernon will conduct the first quarterly conference of the Methodist church in Fredericktown. He will also preach on Sunday next.

Rev. Thos. Hamby is giving his congregation a series of able discourses on the "Boy" the first of the series being given last Sunday evening and the next number will be a week from next Sunday evening.

Mr. Wm. E. Edwards and wife visited relatives in Licking county the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. George Ralston visited relatives in Lucasville the past week.

Mr. C. C. Lucas, our new clothier moved into the Herenden residence this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Tracey Beach, who have been visiting at the homes of Mrs. R. A. Smith and Mrs. Wilson Bradrick returned to their home in Iowa on Friday last.

Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Mendenhall and daughter of Columbus were entertained by Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Parmenter, last week.

Mr. Ed. Blackburn is making preparations to open his moving picture show in the room now occupied by his repair shop on Main street.

Mrs. Anna Ramey and Mrs. Laura Rigby will move from Columbus to this place in the near future.

The many friends of Mr. Scott R. Lyon, who lives two miles west of Fredericktown, are congratulating him on his exceptional success as an exhibitor at the Knox and the Richland county fairs. Mr. Lyon is a breeder of the Shorthorn Scotch Cattle of which he exhibited eleven at the above fairs.

At Mt. Vernon he took all the first premiums, except one, and all the sweep stakes, amounting to ninety-three dollars. At Mansfield he took all the first premiums valued at one hundred and fourteen dollars and in addition was given a handsome trophy cup valued at \$50 and a driveway automatic gate. At Mt. Vernon two of his cattle were bought up but these were replaced by others from his farm for the Mansfield exhibit. This kind of luck should be an encouragement to other Knox county farmers to make entries at the fairs and to handle high-grade stock.

Abram L. Douglas was born August 24th, 1832, in Knox county, O., where he lived, (with the exception of two years) until his death, Sept. 17, 1910. In 1859 he was united in marriage with Martha J. Conkleton. To them were given three children, two of whom have gone on before. On July 29, 1889, Mrs. Douglas was called to be with her Lord. On March 29, 1894, Mr. Douglas was again joined in marriage with Mrs. Mary E. Irvin, with whom he continued the enjoyment of a loving Christian home, until the end of his life's journey. He united with the Methodist Episcopal church at Fredericktown, and his devotion was shown by his faithful attendance whenever health permitted. At the time of his death he was one of, if not the oldest member. He served his country during the civil war, being a member of the 142nd Ohio Regiment. He leaves to mourn his loss, a faithful

wife and daughter, and many other relatives and friends.

Mrs. Lizzie Crute and son who have been occupying rooms in the Wyker Block moved this week into the Cummings Flat.

Ida Schrader, daughter of Mrs. Valentine Schrader, died from typhoid fever on Tuesday evening at 11 o'clock at her home two miles northwest of Waterford. The funeral will be held Friday morning at 11 a. m. at the North Fork Baptist church, Elder L. V. Hite of Marion conducting the services.

Mr. Earl D. Day of Butler visited his brother, F. A. Day at Fredericktown, on Tuesday evening last. Mr. Day recently moved from Cleveland, Ohio, where he was engaged in the printing business and on Monday of this week became the editor and business manager of the Butler Times.

The Chautauque Reading Circle met on Tuesday evening at Mrs. Sadie Hosack's and completed the organization as announced last week. Rev. H. M. Noble was elected president, Mrs. M. J. Agnew vice president, Miss Sylvia Dean secretary, Miss Adella Hosack treasurer. There were twelve enrolled for the course at this meeting but a number of others will be added before the next meeting which will be held on Thursday evening of next week at the home of Miss Ella Mount.

Mrs. Walter Johnson, Miss Del Johnson, Mrs. Sadie Hosack and Miss Adella Hosack spent last Saturday in Columbus.

The Women's Foreign Missionary Society of the Methodist church met at the home of Mrs. J. B. Foote on Thursday of this week. The text book adopted for the year was "Western Women in Eastern Lands."

Miss Jennie Ball and Miss Johnson went to Columbus on Wednesday to spend several days.

Mrs. J. H. Norrick is entertaining her brother, Mr. Barlett, from Savannah, Georgia.

Mrs. Henry of Columbus visited Mrs. Nina Owen in this place the past week.

Mrs. Ellen Wilt and daughter, Mabel, of Clara, Missouri, visited Mr. and Mrs. John Irvine the past week.

Mr. W. B. Denman and family of Marion, Ohio, visited Mr. Harry Denman and family in this place last Sunday.

Miss Helen Albright entertained a company of surprises who came to remind her that another birthday had arrived. Refreshments were served.

Mrs. George Tish who has been visiting friends returned to her home at St. Elmo on Monday last.

The following report shows what the Fredericktown schools were doing the first month of school ending Sept. 30th:

Col. L. G. HUNT

Ordinary Seaman Who Proved Himself a Hero.

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